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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 51A and 51B are screen shots of a disclaimer component page displayed upon activation of a disclaimer's component option selection of the component menu of Figures 23 -- 50 and containing the component menu.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 70A and 70B are combined to be a flowchart of a main procedure associated with a main application component of the exemplary server computer embodiment of Figure 69.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 40, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A main procedure 7000 associated with the main application component 6910 running on the server computer 60 is shown in Figures 70A and 70B. Based on the main procedure 7000, the main application component 6910 begins by receiving an input command (step 7002) from the client computer 10. If the received input command in step 7002 is recognized as a login command (step 7004), then the main application component 6910 receives an input login for a particular individual and a password associated with the input login from the client computer 10 (step 7006). The login is then verified (step 7008).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 43, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

If the input command is received by the bottom frame of the browser (bottom branch of step 7124), a determination is made whether the input command is to go back to the step previous to the current step, and if so (yes branch of step 7126), the step variable is decremented (step7127) and the site wizard procedure 7100 returns back to retrieve another process and instructions set found in step 7104. Otherwise (no branch of step 7106), a determination is made whether the input command is for the next step or to skip step, and if so (yes branch of step 7128), the step variable is incremented (step 7130) and the site wizard procedure 7100 returns back to retrieve another process and instructions set found step 7104. Otherwise (no branch of step 7128), the site wizard procedure 7100 performs an exit process (step 7132) and then returns to the main menu process 7030.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 48, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Upon receipt of a main menu command (step 7719), a return is made to the main menu default command handler process 7040.

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REMARKS

The changes to the Specification are made to correct typographical errors in the application. Additionally, when the figures were formalized, Figure 70 became Figures 70A and 70B. Appropriate changes were made to the Specification to make the numbering consistent with the formal drawings being submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE</u>

<u>In the Specification:</u>

Paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 7 has been amended as follows:

Figures 51A and 51B is~are a~screen shot<u>s</u> of a disclaimer component page displayed upon activation of a disclaimer's component option selection of the component menu of Figures 23 -- 50 and containing the component menu.

Paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 9 has been amended as follows:

~~Figure 70 is~~ <u>Figures 70A and 70B are combined to be</u> a flowchart of a main procedure associated with a main application component of the exemplary server computer embodiment of Figure 69.

Paragraph beginning at line 27 of page 40 has been amended as follows:

A main procedure 7000 associated with the main application component 6910 running on the server computer 60 is shown in ~~Figure 70~~ <u>Figures 70A and 70B</u>. Based on the main procedure 7000, the main application component 6910 begins by receiving an input command (step 7002) from the client computer 10. If the received input command in step 7002 is recognized as a login command (step 7004), then the main application component 6910 receives an input login for a particular individual and a password associated with the input login from the client computer 10 (step 7006). The login is then verified (step 7008).

Paragraph beginning at line 26 of page 43 has been amended as follows:

If the input command is received by the bottom frame of the browser (bottom branch of step 7124), a determination is made whether the input command is to go back to the step previous to the current step, and if so (yes branch of step 7126), the step variable is decremented (step ~~7128~~<u>7127</u>) and the site wizard procedure 7100 returns back to retrieve another process and instructions set found in step 7104. Otherwise (no branch of step 7106), a determination is made whether the input command is for the next step or to skip step, and if so (yes branch of step 7128), the step variable is incremented (step 7130) and the site wizard

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procedure 7100 returns back to retrieve another process and instructions set found step 7104. Otherwise (no branch of step 7128), the site wizard procedure 7100 performs an exit process (step 7132) and then returns to the main menu process 7030.

Paragraph beginning at line 25 of page 48 has been amended as follows:

Upon receipt of a main menu command (step 7720 7719), a return is made to the main menu default command handler process 7040.

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